

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wu et al. Confirmation No: 3823

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For: Protease with Improved Stability in Detergents

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2008 that made restriction requirements.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks and arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.